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Genova, Decemb. 5.

Two Days ago arrived in this Port a Vessel with 100 Soldiers from Naples; and we hear that 10 Barks that came out in her company were obliged by bad weather to put into Leghorn, having on board several Companies of Soldiers, lately raised in the Kingdom of Naples for the Service of the State of Milan.

Turin, Decemb. 8. The French Troops that have lain several days about Savilian, Fossan, and Roccaugi, were yesterday in motion again, and it is believed they are going to repass the Mountains; They have plundered all the Villages round those places, and have sent back their heavy Artillery to Pignorol; There reigns a Distemper among them, occasioned by the bad weather, and the hardships the Soldiers suffer, of which many have died; and the Peasants who are in Arms, and abroad in small Parties, do very much disturb the Enemy, and have cut off a considerable number of them. The Duke of Savoy has ordered the Regiment of his Foot Guards to enter into this City; and some other Troops are put into the Citadel; The Regiment of *A. S.* is marched to *Vallonia*; and his Royal Highnesses Dragoons to the Frontier of *Monferrat*, and the rest of the Considerate Forces who were lately encamped at *Moncalter*, are now lodged in the Burgs and Villages about this City. Yesterday dyed here the Marquis de *Montbrun* of the wounds he received in the Battle of *Merzajola*. We have an account from *Pignorol*, that the Garrison there is very sickly, and Provisions scarce.

Cadix, Nov. 30. This day arrived here three Spanish Ships of the *Floa* from *New Spain*, who were about 20 days ago separated from their Admiral in bad Weather. The Spanish Armada, under the Command of *Don Pedro Corbete* is now Crossing off Cape *St. Vincent*.

Madrid, Decemb. 9. We have the good news of the safe arrival of the *West-India* *Flota* at *Cadix*; On the 30th of the last month came in 5 Ships, having about 20 days before been separated from the *Capitans*, who had lost her Rudder in a Storm, and was feared to be in much danger; but the next day the *Capitans* came in alone, being half full of Water, and scarce able to swim; and on the 2d arrived the Vice-Admiral and Rear Admiral with 7 Ships more, Convojed by 12 Spanish Men of War under the Command of *Don Pedro Corbete*; who met them off *Cape St. Vincent*; and at the same time fell in with them about 30 English and Dutch Merchant Ships bound to the *Streights*; There are still wanting 4 Ships of the *Flota*, but they are very inconsiderable in comparison of those that are come in, who are all very richly laden. The Government of *Catalonia* is at last given to the Duke of *Escalona*, at present Viceroy of *Navarre*; Orders are issued out for taking an account in all the Provinces of what Men are fit to bear Arms; and the next month a Review will be taken of the Kings Guards.

Vienna, Dec. 16. There have been lately held at this Court several Conferences about the Affairs of *Piedmont*, at which were present the Ministers of the King of *Spain*, and the Duke of *Savoy*; And we are assured, That the Emperor has resolved to send his Royal Highness a great Reinforcement against the next Campaign. To Recruit the old Imperial Regiments is proposed. That the States of the Hereditary Countries shall raise such a number of Men, as may be sufficient for that Service; which is believed the Emperor will approve of; and that the several Provinces will consent to it. The Advices from the Frontiers say, That the Turks make great Preparations against the next year; That *Tekely* was sent for to *Adrianople*, to assist at a great Council of War; That he was accordingly preparing for that Journey; and had already sent away part of his Baggage; which the *Radzies* having notice of, they fell upon the *se* that guarded it, killed about 50, and took several Wagons. 'Tis said, That the Government of *Effiate* will be given to Count *Guido* of *Sra-*

remberg, and that *Peter Waradin*, *Sogedin*, and other Garrisons on that side, are to be made Dependent on the same.

Frankfort, Dec. 23. On Friday last a Party of 400 French came to *Hydeberg*, where they staid several hours, and having plundered some poor Houses that are left standing in the Suburbs of that City, they returned to *Philipberg*. They write from *Alsace*, That the French Officers take from the Country People all the Corn they can find to fill their Magazines, leaving them only what is necessary for their Subsistence; and 'tis confirmed, that they are in great want of Horses to remount their Cavalry.

Cologne, Dec. 25. Several Persons were seized some days ago within this Diocese, who were going with Horses to the French; and they will be proceeded against with all Severity. We are told, That the *Cologne* Regiment of Horse, commanded by Count *d'Arco*, is to pass into the Service of the States General of the *United Provinces*. They write from the *Upper Rhine*, That the Enemy continue their new Levies with great diligence, and that they are making Magazines at *Strasbowg*, *Philipsbourg*, *Landau*, and other places in *Alsace*.

Paris, Decemb. 25. The General Assembly of the Clergy met on the 14th instant in the great Convent of the *Augustins*, and chose the Archbishop of *Paris* to be their President: The 17th they went in a Body to *Versailles*, and were introduced to their Audience of the French King by the Marquis de *Blainville* Great Master of the Ceremonies; the 18th the *Sieurs de Ponchatain*, de *Pouffor*, and *Harley*, came to their Assembly, and in the King's Name demanded of them to multiply for the War, whereupon they granted 4 Millions of *Livres*, but with this condition, That the Tax formerly laid upon the Woods belonging to the Clergy be taken off, and all proceedings in consequence thereof annulled. The Letters from the several parts of this Kingdom continue to be filled with accounts of the great misery which the generality of People suffer under, occasioned by the scarcity of Corn and Wine, and the interruption of Commerce. The Farmers of the *Taille* having represented the Losses they sustain by reason of this general Poverty in the Kingdom, the Court is so sensible thereof, that an abatement is allowed them of 3 Millions. The Marquis de *Tesse* arrived here the 18th from *Piedmont*; whence we have advice by the last Letters that the French Forces are separated, and going to their Winter-quarters on this side the Mountains.

Brussels, Decemb. 27. The 21st instant being the Birth-day of the Queen-Mother of *Spain*, the whole Court went out of Mourning for that Day, and at Night there was a Ball at the *Prince de la Tours*. The 22d was hanged in the great Market place of this City, the French Engineer *Duval*, who was convicted of being a Spy, and of holding a constant Correspondence with the Governors of the French Frontier Garrisons; and two other persons, his Accomplices, are now Prisoners at *Antwerp*. On the 24th was solemnized here the Anniversary of the Funeral of the late Electors of *Bavaria*; the Chapel of the Palace was all hung with Mourning, and a magnificent Mausoleum, or Tomb, set round with Lights, was prepared in the middle of the Quire, and the Vigils with the other Service were sung in the presence of his Electoral Highness and most of the great Men and Persons of Quality of the Court. On Friday in the Evening Monsieur *Dickvelt* arrived here from *Holland*; whither Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* (who stay'd here longer than he intended to confer with him) will now be going in a day or two. His Electoral Highness has given orders for three payments more to be made to the Soldiers before the opening of the Campaign; He has named the two Presidents of the Chambers of Accounts of *Brabant* and *Flanders*, and a Counsellor of the Finances to examine the Accounts of all the Receivers of the Revenue, and to see

that the Surplus of their Accounts, and whatever else is due from them to the King, be paid in to the Receiver General. Upon Complaint of the Merchants here that they are much disturbed in their Trade by the Officers and Soldiers of the Spanish Troops, who take upon them to search the Boats and Wagons in which their Goods are transported from one place to another, his Electoral Highness has published an Order forbidding all Military Men whatever to concern themselves with any thing of that nature under pain of Exemplary punishment. The Duke of Holstein has received a Commission from his Catholick Majesty to be General of the Spanish Horse in these Countries. We do not hear of the motion of any French Troops on our Frontiers; and their Intendants begin to moderate their demands of Contributions that are in Arrear, half in half, and are very forward to give Safeguards and Protections to all the Villages who are willing to come to any agreement with them.

Hague, Decemb. 29. The States of Holland are adjourned till the 6th of January, and in the mean time the Deputies of the several Towns are gone home to receive farther Instructions about the raising the 200 Penny twice, in order to take a final resolution about this matter at their next meeting. Some of Prince Lewis of Baden's Servants are already arrived here, and he himself is expected in two days from Brussels. The Letters from Turin of the 13th instant give an account; That on the 7th the Marschal de Castins resolved to retire from Savoy, Fuffin, and other small places in the Plains of Piemont, where he had cantoned his Troops; He decamped accordingly on the 9th threatening (with a French Rodomontado) to return in the Spring with much greater Forces, and to destroy the whole Countrey with Fire and Sword, in case the Duke of Savoy does not in the mean time accept of the Peace that is offered him by the French King, and this he desired the Bishop of Saluzzo to give his Royal Highness an account of: The Marquis de Parole Lieutenant General of his Royal Highness's Forces, who guarded the passage of the little River Saure, and thereby covered part of Piemont, did very much annoy the French all the while they lay about Savoy and those other places, having cut off or taken most of the little Parties they sent out to raise Contributions: He has taken about 700 Prisoners, and among them above 50 Officers, who have been released or exchanged according to the Cartel; without reckoning the killed and wounded, of whom there is a great number; we are assured that Monsieur Camille's Army is diminished 10 or 12000 Men since the late Battle of Marfals including sick and Deserters: He began to repass the Mountains on the 14th instant, both with his Horse and Foot, who were in a very ill condition, and many Troopers on foot: their Horses being dead or taken by the Country People. The Duke of Savoy has written to the Princes his Allies to hasten the Succours they have promised him, and at the same time he desires nothing himself to put his Troops into a posture to take the Field early the next year.

Edinburgh, Decemb. 23. Yesterday in the Evening arrived here the Spanish Admiral in 3 days from the Indies and brings advice that on the 18th instant an Egyptian came thither from Madaga, with an account that all the Spanish Fleet was safely arrived at Ota except 3 Ships, who being disabled were, after taking on board 4000000 of Goods and putting the same on board other Ships, set on fire: That our Newfoundland Fleet consisting of 40 Sail with their Commodore was arrived at Ota: That of the Ships bound from New England to Boston, O Peru, Down,

&c. 12 were arrived; but they heard that 13 were cast away upon the Coast of Portugal: From Camerinas a Harbor near the North Cape 'tis advised that 2 French Privateers of 26 Guns each being informed that a Vessel from Newfoundland who had been separated from the Fleet, was put into that Port, they Mann'd their Boats and sent them in to take her, but the Master whose Name is Pike, having some notice thereof, haled his Vessel near the Shore, and with 2 Guns planted on the Rocks and some small Arms, so well defended her, that they killed 6 of the French and obliged the rest to give over their Enterprize.

Plimouth, Decemb. 24. This day sailed from hence to the Eastward Their Majesties Ship the Newcastle, with about 20 Sail of Merchant Ships bound for London and other Ports.

Portsmouth, Decemb. 26. Last Night the Wind came Easterly; and about 4 this Morning Sir Francis Wheeler made the Signal for the Ships to unmoore; who lie now with their Topails loose, and will sail this Day if the Wind continue fair.

On Saturday next will be Published, A True Relation of the wonderful Cure of Mary Maid (same sheek ever since she was Born) on Sunday the 25th of November 1693, with the Affidavits and Certificates of the Gill, and several other Credible and worthy Persons, who knew her before and since by being Cured. To which is added, a Letter from Dr. Wellwood to the Right Honorable the Lady Mayors, upon that Subject. The said Relation will be sold by R. Baldwin in Warwick-lane.

At Salisbury-Exchange in the Strand, will be sold a curious Collection of Pictures (most of them Original) by way of Auction, the 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th of January next, beginning at 3 each Afternoon, and continues till all be sold.

An Historical and Geographical Description of France, shewing its Government: both in Church and State, Police, Strength, Riches and Revenues, both in its present and during its war: State of the Nobility and Gentry; The Beginning, Progress, and Down-fall of the Reformation; The Poverty and misery of the People by the Persecution, the decay of Trade, and the present War. By J. De La Croix, a Native of that Kingdom. Printed for T. Salusbury at the Kings-Arms near St. Dunstons Church in Fleetstreet.

Mr. James Houfsmans, (lately Deceased) Collection of Pictures are to be sold by Auction, at his House in King-street, St. James's, on the 2d of February next, at 5 after Noon, and to continue till all be sold, where they may be seen.

Ord. Shining and strong Gun Powder, made by Peter Azire, of Ourene at Feverham in Kent, is now to be sold at his House in Frith Street in Soho, at the Sign of the Gun Powder-Mill, by Wholesale and Retail, at also Site Petre.

Benjamin Mansland, a middle-sized man, with dark bushy Hair, aged about 30, disfigured with the Small-Pox, ruddy complexion, having a silver laced Waistcoat with Loops, and reddish coloured Cloth, rode away on the 22th instant from the George Inn in Aldersgate-street, London, on a dapple gray Mare near 15 hands, fill aged, all her pieces, the hair a little gone off the fore part of the Saddle place, most from the off-side. Whoever takes the said Man or Mare, or both, and gives notice to Mr. Penn at the George Inn aforesaid, or to Mr. John Denison in Forest-street, shall have a Guinea Reward for each.

Lost from Mr. John Benn of Boce-end near Bark Hamstead in Hertfordshire, about the beginning of October, a boy Negro 27 his Goings, about 14 hands, his a Saddle spot or two, a Lock on his fore Feet, about 6 years old. Whoever gives notice of the said Neg. to Mr. Benn aforesaid, or to Mr. Lorde, Pastry-Cook, against the Fountain-Tavern in the Strand, London, shall have a Guinea Reward.

Taken from Mr. Tho. Serwell of Nottingham in the Wofter near Nottingham, the 5th instant, two Geldings, one a Black, five years old, with a Star and white on the Nose, his hind Feet and one before white, with a freckling on the Face, the other a fine white Leg; the other a white, 7 years old, his Hoofs before white, and something like both 15 hands high. The Person that Stole them is a headstrong of a fawning Countenance, his own Hair very black. Whoever gives Notice of them to the above said Serwell, or at Wren's Coffee-house in German Street, London, shall have two Guinea Reward and Charges.

Taken from Rich. Shephard of Meridale in Flintshire near Welfchbet, the 15th of October last, a light coloured Cheate Cart Horse, with a little Star on the Forehead, a bump in the flesh as big as a Walnut on the point of one of his hind Hoofs, his mane cut on the Saddle with a white Spot on the Forehead, and a little of white under one Noe, and a little of the same on the other near the Noe, but he is a very good natured Horse, and is a very good Cart Horse. Whoever gives Notice of him to the above said Richd Shephard, or to Mr. Shephard, or to Mr. Shephard, Court in Fleetstreet, London, shall have 10 Guinea Reward.

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